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Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form

Application No.: 10/657,650 First Named Applicant: Larry J. Pacey
 Examiner: Matthew Hoel Art Unit: 3714 Status of Application: Final

Tentative Participants:

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Proposed Date of Interview: Sept. 12, 2008 Proposed Time: (EST) PM

Type of Interview Requested:

(1) ☐ Telephonic (2) ☒ Personal (3) ☐ Video Conference

Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, provide brief description: _____

Issues To Be Discussed

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) <u>\$ 103 Rej.</u>	<u>30-50</u>	<u>Travis (USP 5,380,007) Scholttmann (USP 6,824,467)</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(2) _____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3) _____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

☐ See attached continuation sheet

Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented:

See attached sheet

An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on _____

NOTE:

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Wayne L. Tang
 Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature

 Examiner/SPE Signature

Wayne L. Tang
 Typed/Printed Name of Applicant or Representative

36,028
 Registration Number, if applicable

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Added Sheet: Serial No. 10/657,650 Attorney Docket No. 247079-000134USPT

30. (Currently Amended) A method of operating a gaming system comprising:
- storing simulation rule data and physical object data, the physical object data defining physical objects, the simulation rule data defining rules of a simulated world that affect the physical objects, the simulation rule data and the physical object data being selected to yield a pre-selected desired outcome probability distribution of a plurality of possible simulated outcomes;
 - accepting a wager to play a wagering game;
 - based on the interaction of the physical object data and the simulation rule data, simulating actions of the physical objects within the simulated world to randomly select a simulated outcome from the plurality of possible simulated outcomes according to the desired ~~a predetermined~~ outcome probability distribution, ~~the desired predetermined outcome probability distribution of the plurality of possible simulated outcomes being;~~
 - graphically rendering the actions and the simulated outcome such that the desired outcome probability distribution is readily apparent and discernible to a player of the wagering game; and
 - providing an award if the selected simulated outcome represents a winning condition.

Brief Description of Arguments Presented

- Travis does not disclose determining an outcome according to a probability distribution based on the interaction of simulation rule and physical object data.
- Schlottmann formulates a physical model then determines the outcome probabilities from the model, but does not select simulation rule and physical object data after selecting a desired probability distribution.
- Neither Schlottmann nor Travis have a display such that the desired outcome probability distribution is apparent and discernible to a player

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